AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.   (canceled).

2.   (currently amended): The system of ~~claim 1~~ claim 11, further comprising an input

device directly coupled to the image identifying server to supply ~~an~~ the operation document as

the operation document image into the image identifying server.

3.   (currently amended): The system of ~~claim 1~~ claim 11, wherein the recognized

result is transmitted to the network together with the operation document image in the form of a

packet.

4.   (original): The system of claim 3, further comprising at least one terminal which

includes a destination terminal as the destination and which is coupled to the network.

5.   (original): The system of claim 4, wherein the operation document image is

processed on the basis of the operation designated by the recognized result, at the destination

terminal which receives the operation document image.

6.   (currently amended): The system of ~~claim 1~~ claim 11, wherein the image

identifying server identifies the species of the operation document image by using character

recognition of an identification code representative of the species when the identification code is

included in the operation document image.

7.   (currently amended): The system of ~~claim 1~~ claim 11, wherein the image

identifying server identifies the species of the operation document image by recognizing an

image pattern particular to the operation document image when an identification code which

stands for the species is not included in the operation document image.

8.   (original): The system of claim 5, wherein the destination terminal automatically

activates a program performing the corresponding operation to the recognized result when the

terminal receives the operation document image.

9.   (original): The system of claim 3, wherein the image identifying server transmits

the packet to a plurality of destination terminals simultaneously when the plurality of destination

terminals are associated with the identified species in the workflow control table.

10.   (original): The system of claim 3, wherein the packet is transmitted from a first

terminal to a second terminal after processing of the packet at the first terminal according to the

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destination terminals specified in the packet when the plurality of destination terminals are

associated with the single identified species in the workflow control table.

11.   (previously presented): An image workflow system for use in transferring,

through a network, an operation document image (or a work sheet image) extracted from an

operation document which is featured by a species, a destination, and operation to be handled to

the operation document, comprising:

a workflow control table which stores the species, the destination, and the operation

assigned to each operation document; and

an image identifying server for identifying the species of the operation document from

the operation document image to retrieve the species stored in the workflow control table in

response to the identified species, to automatically recognize the corresponding destination and

operation, and to transmit a recognized result to the network,

wherein the image identifying server observes efficiency of a plurality of terminals and

selects one of the terminals which have the lowest efficiency as the destination terminal when the

plurality of terminals are associated with the single identification species in the workflow control

table.

12.   (canceled).

13.   (canceled).

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14.　(currently amended): The system of ~~claim 1~~ claim 11, wherein the destination is an IP address.

15.　(previously presented): An image workflow system for use in transferring, through a network, an operation document image (or a work sheet image) which is featured by a species, a plurality of destinations, and at least one operation for each destination to be handled to the operation document image, comprising:

a workflow control table which stores in advance the species, the destinations, and the at least one operation for each destination assigned to the operation document image, wherein the destinations are ordered to define a predetermined path for transferring the operation document image;

an image identifying server for identifying the species of the operation document image to retrieve the species stored in the workflow control table in response to the identified species, to automatically recognize the corresponding ordered destinations and the one or more operations for each of the destinations, and to transmit a recognized result together with the operation document image to the network; and

a plurality of destination terminals as the destinations are coupled to the network;

wherein the operation document image is processed on the basis of the one or more operations designated by the recognized result, at each destination terminal which receives the operation document image in the predetermined order; and

wherein each destination terminal automatically activates at least one program

performing the corresponding one or more operations to the recognized result when the

destination terminal receives the operation document image.

16.   (previously presented): An image workflow system for use in transferring,

through a network, an operation document image (or a work sheet image) which is featured by a

species, a destination, and operation to be handled to the operation document image, comprising:

a workflow control table which stores in advance the species, the destination, and the

operation assigned to each operation document image;

an image identifying server for identifying the species of the operation document image

to retrieve the species stored in the workflow control table in response to the identified species,

to automatically recognize the corresponding destination and operation, and to transmit a

recognized result together with the operation document image to the network; and

at least one terminal which includes a destination terminal as the destination and which is

coupled to the network;

wherein the recognized result is transmitted to the network together with the operation

document image in the form of a packet;

wherein the operation document image is processed on the basis of the operation

designated by the recognized result, at the destination terminal which receives the operation

document image;

wherein the destination terminal automatically activates a program performing the

corresponding operation to the recognized result when the terminal receives the operation

document image; and

wherein the image identifying server observes efficiency of a plurality of terminals and a

terminal having the lowest efficiency is selected as the destination terminal when the plurality of

terminals are associated with the single identification species in the workflow control table.